



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority

AGENCY: SAMHSA, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration has modified its structure. This new organizational structure was approved by the Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services and effective on April 14, 2022.

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Part M of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) at 73, Number 147, pages 44274-44275, July 30, 2008, is amended to reflect the new functional statement for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use (OAS). This notice identifies a new Office of 988 and Behavioral Health Crisis Coordination (988) and Office of Recovery (OR). This change allows innovative prevention implementation. The changes are as follows:

Section M.20, Functions is amended as follows:

The functional statement for the Office of the Assistant Secretary is amended to name a new Office of 988 and Behavioral Health Crisis Coordination (988) and Office of Recovery (OR). The functional statement for each office is as follows:

Office of 988 and Behavioral Health Crisis Coordination

(1) 988 (988 is the dialing code for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline) provides leadership in planning, implementing, and evaluating the office's goals, priorities, policies, and programs, and is the focal point for the Department's efforts on 988 and Behavioral Health Crisis Coordination; (2) plans, directs, and provides overall administration of the programs of the office; (3) conducts and coordinates office interagency, interdepartmental, and intergovernmental activities; (4) provides information to the public and constituent organizations on 988 and Behavioral Health Crisis Coordination activities; (5) maintains liaison with national organizations, other Federal departments/agencies, and with other SAMHSA Centers and Offices; (6) administers internal and external committee management (7) conducts services quality and financing activities and coordinates these activities with other components in SAMHSA; and (8) works with SAMHSA's Labor and Employee Relation staff to monitor the conduct of equal employment opportunity activities of the Office of 988 and Behavioral Health Crisis Coordination .

Office of Recovery

Recovery from substance use and/or mental health disorders is a life journey that allows individuals to change by improving their health and wellness. The Office of Recovery (OR): (1) Provides leadership in the identification of new and emerging issues related to recovery support

services in major SAMHSA programs (2) provides leadership, coordination, and direction in the development and implementation of the Office of Recovery goals and priorities, and serves as the focal point for the Department's efforts on recovery support services; (3) plans, directs, and provides overall administration of the programs and activities of the Office of Recovery; (4) manages special projects and external liaison activities; and (5) directs Office of Recovery's overall human resource activities and works with SAMHSA's Labor and Employee Relations staff to monitor the conduct of equal employment opportunity activities for the Office of Recovery.

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use (MA)

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use (OAS): (1) Maintains a system to disseminate research findings and evidence-based practices to service providers to improve treatment and prevention services and incorporate these findings into SAMHSA programs; (2) ensures that grants are subject to performance and outcome evaluations and that center directors consistently document the grant process and conduct ongoing oversight of grantees; (3) consults with stakeholders to improve community-based and other mental health services, including adults with a serious mental illness (SMI), and children with a serious emotional disturbance (SED); (4) collaborates with other federal departments, including the Departments of Defense (DOD), Veterans Affairs (VA), Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and Labor (DOL) to improve care for veterans and service members, and support programs to address chronic homelessness; and (5) works with stakeholders to improve the recruitment and retention of mental health and substance use disorder professionals. In addition, the OAS provides leadership in the development of agency policies and programs, and maintains a close working relationship and coordination with Congress, other operating and staff divisions within the Department of Health and Human Services, and external Federal and private sector entities.

The OAS consists of the Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs, the Office of Behavioral Health Equity and Justice-Involved, the Office of Tribal Affairs and Policy/Office of Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse, and the Office of the Chief Medical Officer.

Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs (MAC)

The Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs (OIEA) serves as the central point for providing leadership and coordination in establishing and maintaining a collaborative effort between SAMHSA, other government agencies, and service providers in order to improve behavioral health outcomes. The Office is SAMHSA's lead for institutional and intergovernmental communication and coordination. As such, the Office: (1) Ensures that critical information from the field is incorporated into all policy activities and shared broadly across SAMHSA to support program development and implementation; (2) establishes and sustains relationships between SAMHSA and key stakeholders in other government agencies and institutions; (3) ensures that SAMHSA's policies are effectively communicated to Regional and National stakeholders; and, (4) meets routinely with staff from Centers and Offices to discuss program policy issues, seek input, and review progress.

Office of Behavioral Health Equity and Justice-Involved (MACA)

The Office of Behavioral Health Equity and the Justice-Involved (OBHEJI) coordinates agency efforts to ensure that racial and ethnic minority, underserved, and criminal justice-involved populations have equitable access to high quality behavioral health care. Functions of the office include: (1) Strengthening SAMHSA's capacity, through its grant programs and technical assistance efforts, to address the behavioral health needs of minority, underserved and justice involved populations; (2) enhancing measurement and data strategies to identify, assess and respond to the behavioral health challenges for these populations; (3) promoting policy initiatives that strengthen SAMHSA's programs and the broader field in improving the behavioral health of the underserved and the justice-involved; and, (4) expanding the behavioral health workforce capacity to improve outreach, engagement and quality of care.

Office of Tribal Affairs and Policy/Office of Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse (MACB)

The Office of Tribal Affairs and Policy (OTAP)/Office of Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse (OIASA) coordinates federal partners and provides tribes with technical assistance and resources to develop and enhance prevention and treatment programs for substance use disorders, including the misuse of alcohol. The Office serves as the agency's primary point of contact for tribal governments, tribal organizations, and federal agencies on behavioral health issues that impact tribal communities.

OTAP/OIASA is charged with aligning, leveraging, and coordinating federal agencies and departments in carrying out SAMHSA's responsibilities delineated in the Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA). This effort is overseen through the Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse (IASA) Interdepartmental Coordinating Committee, which is comprised of more than 60 members representing a range of federal agencies and departments.

Health Financing and Policy Branch (MACC)

Leads the Health Financing and Policy efforts on behalf of the Agency. Maintains relationships with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Public, and Commercial insurance sector to ensure Agency influence and support for behavioral health services within Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance plans. Oversees Agency role in CMS Medicaid waiver programs. Maintains Agency voice on mental health and substance use parity laws. Agency Regulatory Officer.

Executive Correspondence and Support Branch (MACD)

The Executive Correspondence and Support Branch: (1) Receives, analyzes, assigns, distributes and tracks executive correspondence and maintains files; (2) ensuring responsiveness, quality and timeliness of executive correspondence; (3) issues guidance and establishes administrative processes to ensure that executive correspondence complies with all DHHS requirements and reflects positively on the reputation of SAMHSA; and, (4) responds to Freedom of Information Act requests.

Office of the Chief Medical Officer (MAD)

The Office of the Chief Medical Officer (OCMO) provides assistance to the Assistant Secretary in evaluating and organizing programs within the Agency, and to promote evidence-based and promising best practices emphasizing clinical focus. The OCMO has in-depth experience providing mental health care or substance use disorder treatment services. Furthermore, the OCMO coordinates with the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) to assess the use of performance metrics to evaluate SAMHSA programs, and to coordinate with the Assistant Secretary to ensure consistent utilization of appropriate performance metrics and evaluation designs.

Delegation of Authority

All delegations and re-delegations of authority made to SAMHSA officials that were in effect immediately prior to this reorganization, and that are consistent with this reorganization, shall continue in effect pending further re-delegation.

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Xavier Becerra,

Secretary.

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